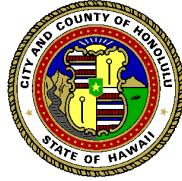


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Special Public Meeting
Honolulu Fire Department Headquarters
Honolulu Fire Department Auditorium
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Nekota called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlotte Nekota, Max Hannemann, Dennis Morton, William Hong, Nicholas Teves, Craig Nagamine and David Matlin.

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Fire Chief Lionel Camara, Jr. (HFD), Acting Deputy Fire Chief Sheldon Hao (HFD), Brian Ancheta (Department of the Corporation Counsel), and Nadine Murata. The public was allowed to participate through audio and video-teleconference.

Vice-Chair Hannemann asked Chair Nekota if he could make a motion to move agenda item number III before item number II on the agenda.

Chair Nekota asked for a motion. Commissioner Teves moved and Commissioner Matlin seconded. There being no objections, the motion was carried.

III. SELECTION PROCESS OF THE FIRE CHIEF.

Chair Nekota mentioned that the Commission has accepted Acting Fire Chief Camara's retirement letter effective December 31, 2021 and thanked him for his many years of service.

Chair Nekota mentioned that the Commission received one applicant for the position of Fire Chief, and that was Acting Deputy Chief Hao.

Chair Nekota recommended that the Commission vote on that candidate.

Commission Secretary took roll call, and with a unanimous vote, Acting Deputy Chief Hao was voted in as the next Fire Chief.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS.

Chair Nekota asked the public to identify themselves and to keep their testimony brief.

Public testimony began at 10:08 a.m.

Chair Nekota mentioned that she would like to end public testimony. Commissioner Morton moved and Commissioner Teves seconded. There being no objections, the public testimony concluded at 10:14 a.m. with 8 participants who logged in.

Chair Nekota mentioned for clarification purposes that Acting Fire Chief Hao will serve as the new Fire Chief effective December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Hong mentioned that he would like to give Acting Fire Chief Camara a letter of commendation from the Commission for all that he's done during the pandemic, along with a proper ceremony using the silver bugle to transfer the title.

The Commission agreed.

Commissioner Nagamine expressed his gratitude to Acting Fire Chief Camara for spearheading the department in its first global pandemic.

Commissioner Teves mentioned that he is grateful for all that Acting Fire Chief Camara has done for the department, and asked that his picture be placed among the other Fire Chiefs in HFD Auditorium.

Commissioner Teves mentioned that he would like to see a plaque honoring Acting Fire Chief Camara.

Commissioner Teves mentioned Acting Fire Chief Camara's action during the time of COVID was exceptional.

Commissioner Teves made a formal motion to have Acting Fire Chief Camara's picture placed among the other Fire Chiefs and Commissioner Morton seconded. There being no further comments and with a unanimous vote in favor, the Commission approved said motion.

Commissioner Morton thanked Acting Fire Chief Camara for his 36 years of service.

Acting Fire Chief Camara thanked the Commission for their support and mentioned that it was an honor to serve the Commission and the department.

Acting Fire Chief Camara said he had a great run. He mentioned that he picked Mr. Hao as his Acting Deputy Fire Chief and that Mr. Hao will be a great leader moving forward.

Chair Nekota mentioned that Acting Fire Chief Camara has been a great mentor.

Acting Deputy Fire Chief Hao thanked Acting Fire Chief Camara for giving him the opportunity and experience and thanked the Commission for their confidence in having him as the next Fire Chief.

Acting Deputy Fire Chief Hao mentioned that it's an honor to serve and he would like to see the department in a better place than how we found it.

Chair Nekota asked if there were any questions. There were none.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT: The next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the Honolulu Fire Department Auditorium.

V. ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, Commissioner Morton moved and Commissioner Hong seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned on December 14, 2021 at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Nadine Murata, Secretary.

APPROVED:

CHARLOTTE NEKOTA, Chair